

TITLE 20

COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



What is Title 20?

Many appliances offered for sale in California are regulated under the state's Appliance Efficiency Regulations (California Code of Regulations, Title 20, Sections 1601–1608), often referred to as “Title 20.”

These Regulations establish standards for energy use in appliances and equipment such as refrigerators, televisions, lighting products such as lamps and luminaires, heating and air conditioning equipment, kitchen and lavatory faucets, and many more devices that use electricity, gas, and/or water. California's mandatory energy efficiency standards transform markets by removing inefficient products, saving consumers energy and/or water without seriously limiting their choice of products.

Compliance Assistance

All appliances regulated under Title 20 must be certified successfully to the California Energy Commission. Energy efficiency data associated with certified appliances then appears on-line in the public appliance efficiency database, thus permitting lawful sale in California. This includes internet sales made to California residents. Appliances may be certified by the manufacturer or by an authorized, delegated entity.

The California Energy Commission provides compliance assistance to manufacturers and their agents, contractors, retailers, building departments and their inspectors, and to consumers or the public at large. For assistance, visit the Commission website at www.energy.ca.gov/appliances/outreach/index.

Webinars on the New Certification Process and Enforcement Program

The Appliance Unit of the Energy Commission is hosting educational webinars to educate stakeholders on how to use the modernized appliance efficiency database interface.

A listing of dates and times for these one hour webinars may be found under “Upcoming Events” <http://www.energy.ca.gov/appliances/>.

Certification Process

Certifying compliance to the California Energy Commission (CEC) involves testing at a CEC approved test facility according to the specific test methods described in Title 20, Section 1604. Test data outputs are then used to complete the certification forms. Certification packets are available at: <http://www.energy.ca.gov/appliances/forms/index>.

Retailer Obligations

Retailers should check that the appliances they sell are certified in the Appliance Efficiency Database. If a retailer sells or offers for sale a regulated appliance that is not certified to the Energy Commission, or is improperly marked or labeled, the retailer may be subject to an enforcement action by the Energy Commission. Here is a link to the Energy Commission's Appliance Efficiency Database www.appliances.energy.ca.gov/AdvancedSearch.aspx

Hot line staff is available to answer questions by calling (916) 654-4080 or by emailing appliances@energy.ca.gov.



Consequences for not certifying

Not certifying a regulated appliance to the CEC or other violations of Title 20 can include a monetary fine, injunctive relief, and referral to the attorney general office. http://www.energy.ca.gov/appliances/reg_enforcement/